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I talked to André de Staercke this morning about the EDC vote in Belgium. He feels confident the treaty will be ratified by a two-thirds vote later in the week.

John Brown came to see me in connection with the negotiations now going on which alternately point to his designation or rejection as Cultural Attaché in Brussels.

Buchanan, the new Minister to Luxembourg, spent an hour with me. I gave him free advice which, if taken, would prove costly to him about the agreeability of renting a country house in Luxembourg with a trout stream and stocking the land with pheasants.

David Schoenbrun called me to say there was a rumor that the NATO Council this afternoon would announce the terms of the U.K.-EDC Treaty. I expressed my surprise over such a possibility since this does not lie within the jurisdiction of NATO.

I stopped to see Ted Achilles at the Embassy. He said they had word that Doug Dillon had been operated on in New York this morning for a vertebral disc displacement.

I had lunch with Margaret Biddle at Rue Las Cases. We ranged over a wide field of subjects.

Eva Dahlgren came to see me this afternoon to discuss the future of Anne Morgan's Blérancourt Foundation.

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